(c) if so, why and how proposed to rectify as also what action is contemplated against Managing Director for misleading Administrator?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Administrator of NCCF has been vested with the powers of its Board of Directors as per the provisions of the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984. In exercise of the powers under Clause 27(xix) of bye-laws of NCCF, the Administrator has delegated certain powers to Managing Director.

(b) and (c) In view of reply to part (a) above, does not arise.

Supply of Salt Unfit for Human Consumption in Mizoram by NCCF

1856. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that scarcity of salt existed in Mizoram when NCCF had brought common salt for Mizoram where its entry is banned on health grounds, stored the said salt worth Rs. 57 lakhs at Silchar in 1985-86 and Government of Mizoram found these stocks unfit for consumption on chemical examination by Public Analyst;

(b) whether it is also a fact that NCCF had appointed a person reportedly declared bad character by local police as its handling and storage agent for the said salt at Silchar without following proper procedure and did not take precaution for change of stock and there was huge shortage; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there was collusion between NCCF officials and legal adviser to throw the blame on Government of Mizoram and to shield the culprits and NCCF continues with same legal adviser?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) NCCF purchased iodised salt (not common salt) valuing Rs. 21.65 lakhs on behalf of Mizoram Government. A portion of the salt was declared unfit for human consumption by Mizoram Government on chemical examination by Public Analyst.

(b) NCCF has no information about the handling agent being declared as bad character by local police. Regarding the replacement of stocks, the matter was taken up with the supplier who maintained that the quality of salt was satisfactory except a small portion. Therefore, replacement of stock was not considered necessary. There has been shortage of 1239.225 MTs of salt from handling Agent's go down.

(c) No collusion has been reported between NCCF officials and the legal adviser. NCCF have decided to file a suit against the Government of Mizoram on whose behalf iodised salt was purchased as also the handling agent for recovery of dues.

Loss to NCCF Patna Branch Potatoes deal

1857. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred question 1243 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th May, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the involved Branch Manager (Patna) of NCCF had been granted three advance increments,

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted as promised; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The enquiry report is under examination.

Import of Seeds

1858. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be

pleased to state the names of the countries from where seeds are proposed to be imported by Government and what is the quantity of seeds that are to be imported during the year 1988-89 and 1989-90.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (i) A request has been made by the National Oilseeds & Vegetables Oils Development Board to Soviet authorities for import of 100 kgs. each of six selected varieties of sunflower.

(ii) The proposals made by Government of Himachal Pradesh for import 3.59 quintals and by Government of Uttar Pradesh for import of 15.8 quintals of fodder grass from Australia is under process.

(iii) Small quantities of seeds as germplasm are imported by ICAR through National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources to meet varying research requirements of the country.

There is no other proposal, at the moment, for import of seeds by Government during the year 1988-89 and 1989-90.

Loss to NCCF in Sale of Imported Chick Piece Bags

1859. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2205 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th May, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Taj consumers Cooperative Society did not furnish any Bank guarantee and the guarantees were in fact furnished by different private parties; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken against the guilty officers for accepting third party guarantee which ultimately could not be forfeited?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The NCCF had reported that the following three firms had furnished the bank guarantees as Associates on behalf of the Taj Consumers Cooperative Society Limited.

1. M/s. Simex International
2. M/s. Libbys Enterprises
3. M/s. Navjeevan Velvets.

(b) The bank guarantees, were forfeited by the NCCF after the failure of the contract with M/s Taj Consumer Cooperative Society Limited. Two banks did not credit the guarantee amount in favour of the NCCF for which legal actions were taken by the NCCF. The cooperative court No. II, Bombay, has already awarded the guarantee amounts in favour of the Federation.

For the omissions and commissions on the part of the officers in this deal, actions have already been initiated. The services of the then Chief Manager (Import and Export) have already been terminated. The then Chief Controller of A/cs and Finance, Addl. Managing Director, Managing Director have already been repatriated to their parent Departments. Their parent Departments have been requested to take suitable action against them for their lapses in this deal. The case is being pursued with these organisations from time to time.

दिल्ली खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति विभाग के मंडल सं० 43 द्वारा राशन कार्डों का जारी किया जाना

1860. **श्री मुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली प्रशासन के खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति विभाग के मंडल सं 43 के मंडल अधिकारी और न्यू उस्मानपुर तथा जगजीत नगर के निरीक्षकों के विरुद्ध समय पर कार्यालय न आने और आवेदकों को नये खाद्य कार्ड जारी करने के लिए उनसे बी०डी०ओ० तथा ग्राम प्रधान से प्रमाण पत्र मांगे जाने, जो कि दिल्ली प्रशासन के नियमों का उल्लंघन है, के संबंध में कुछ समय पूर्व विभिन्न समितियों और आवेदकों से कुछ शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई है,